

Senate Resolution 861

By: Senators Miles of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Thompson of the 5th, Adelman of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Porter Sanford III; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Porter Sanford III was born in Eatonton, Georgia, on November 2, 1941;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford graduated from Clark College (now known as Clark Atlanta
5 University), where he was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford enjoyed 41 years of loving marriage to Bobbie Kennedy Sanford,
7 and the couple was blessed with two sons, Porter Sanford IV and Brandon Kennedy Sanford,
8 and four grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford was devoted to his south DeKalb community, where he was a
10 prominent businessman, civic leader, and public servant; and

11 WHEREAS, he headed the first African American owned real estate brokerage firm in
12 DeKalb County, was a founder and former board member of the First Southern Bank, where
13 he formerly chaired the loan committee, and served on the board of directors of the
14 DeKalb-Peachtree Airport Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford was elected to the DeKalb County Commission in 1994, where he
16 served with distinction for five years and was elected by his colleagues as the first African
17 American presiding officer of the commission; and

18 WHEREAS, a pillar of his community, Mr. Sanford was a founding member of the Samuel
19 Jones Boys Club and the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County and was an active member of the
20 DeKalb branch of the NAACP, the Grady Hospital Board of Visitors, the Regional
21 Leadership Institute, the South DeKalb Business Association, the Spring Valley Civic

1 Association, Greenforest Baptist Church, the Atlanta Alumni Association, the Prince Hall
2 Free Accepted Masons, and the Shriners, among countless other activities; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford will always be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege to
4 know this distinguished gentleman for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering devotion to
5 serving his community and his fellow man; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia lost a most estimable citizen and beloved community leader on
7 February 9, 2006, with the passing of Mr. Porter Sanford III.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr. Porter Sanford III and
10 extend their most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Porter Sanford III.